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In re the Application of

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For: HYDROGEN GENERATOR AND FUEL CELL SYSTEM
COMPRISING HYDROGEN GENERATOR

CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The benefit of the filing date of the following prior foreign application filed in the following foreign country is hereby requested for the above-identified application and the priority provided in 35 USC 119 is hereby claimed:

Japanese Appln. No. 2004-040005, filed February 17, 2004.

The International Bureau received the priority document within the time limit, as evidenced by the attached copy of the PCT/IB/304.

It is requested that the file of this application be marked to indicate that the requirements of 35 USC 119 have been fulfilled and that the Patent and Trademark Office kindly

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